Government of India Presses due to impending decision to close down three Government of India Presses and one From Store and modernisation of Minto Road Press which is under process. However, the posts which are essential are being filled up on merits of each case. 11 and 3 vacant posts in Minto Road Press and Ring Road Press have been filled up respectively. At present the vacancy position in these two presses category-wise is as under:—

Name of the Press	Group 'C'	Group 'D'
GIP Minto Road	194	37
GIP Ring Road	54	30

Approval of Television serial Manoranjan

93. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generally Television serials are approved in 13 episodes and extensions are given to the producers after approval of first four episodes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above policy has not been kept in view while approving serial titled 'Manoranjan' which has been approved in 19 episodes at a stretch;

(c) if so, what are the reasons for this preferential treatment to the producer of this serial; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the last episode of 'Manoranjan' has been allowed to be telecast in 40 minutes and if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) (a) to (d) In serials where each episode stands on its own like Ek Kahani, Terah Panne, etc., Doordarshan generally approves 13 episodes in the first instance. In serials, however, where there is a running storyline the number of episodes is decided keeping in mind the requirement of the storyline and it could be 13 episodes or more The serial Manoranjan which has a running story line has been approved for 20 episodes, none of which is of 40 minutes duration.

All proposals for extension are considered strictly on merit.

TV serial Manoranjan and Intzaar

94. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that producer, director and other technicians of the serials titled 'Manoranjan' and 'Intzaar' are the same;

(b) if so, what are the names of persons associated with the above two serials;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the Deputy Directors General of Doordarshan and his son are involved in the approval of the above serials knowing well that the producers, etc. of the above serial are the same having different banners; and

(d) if so, what are the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.